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In re Application of: Merkulov et al.

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For: ISOLATED HUMAN TRANSPORTER, NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING HUMAN TRANSPORTER, AND USES THEREOF

Response to Office Action

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued by Examiner Chernyshev on October 6, 2003, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please charge the Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time to Deposit Account 50-0970.

Please amend the application as follows: